

MINUTES

Special Board Meeting - Teleconference Monday, February 29, 2016 | 2:00 pm Division of Aeronautics 5126 Front Range Parkway | Watkins, CO 80137 Joseph H. Thibodeau Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Beck Chairman
Ann Beardall Vice-Chair
John Reams Secretary

Robert Olislagers William "T" Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT & EXCUSED:

Jeff Forrest Joe Rice

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Ulane CDOT - Division of Aeronautics Director

Christine Eldridge
Todd Green
CDOT - Division of Aeronautics

Lorie Hinton Centennial Airport

Russ Machen Cortez-Montezuma County Airport Leo Milan Office of the Attorney General

Dave Ruppel Front Range Airport

Francis Song San Luis Valley Regional Airport

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting commenced at 2:02 pm.



2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

5.1 H.R. 4441 - The Aviation Innovation, Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2016

David Ulane advised the Board that Representative Shuster has tabled H.R. 4441 at this time. He discussed the bill and said that parts of it are desirable and could have positive effects for aviation. He went on to discuss the more concerning part of the bill that calls for separation of air traffic control services from the FAA by the year 2019. David mentioned some of the proposed amendments to the bill that would increase the oversight board by two positions. Robert Olislagers stated that he had circulated a letter he wrote to Congressmen Coffman and Senator Gardner that was not in support of the bill, as it would give control of FAA Air Traffic Organization (ATO) to airlines and unions. Ray Beck stated that he has a copy of the letter and asked David to disburse copies to the rest of the Board. David added that the bill calls for FAA support of Virtual Control Towers, to include a pilot program calling for the FAA to install seven towers across the country, which may benefit Colorado airports, to include the Durango-La Plata County Airport. Robert Olislagers made the MOTION to approve Aeronautical Resolution 2016-04 and authorized the Director and Chairman to sign it. Ann Beardall seconded the MOTION. Ray read the title of the resolution and asked David to read the rest of the resolution into the record.

The MOTION carried unanimously.

5.2 National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) - Proposed Legislative Language to Reform FAA Non-Primary Airport Entitlement (NPE) Funding

David briefed the Board on possible changes in legislation that would essentially return NPE for General Aviation airports back to the way it used to be and how that relates to the State of Colorado airport system. He told the Board that staff is in favor of that, but that Colorado Airport Operator's Association (CAOA) has not had time to weigh in. He asked to delay action until his upcoming meeting with CAOA. William "T" Thompson made the MOTION for the Division to draft a resolution for NPE legislative change in concert with CAOA. John Reams seconded the MOTION. Robert emphasized the advantage of NPE funds to small airports, voiced the need for caution and provided some ideas for banking funds over several years.

The MOTION carried unanimously.



6. CALENDAR

The next CAB meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 9th at 1:00 pm at the Aeronautics Division in Watkins.

7. OTHER MATTERS BY PUBLIC & MEMBERS

Ann Beardall notified the CAB of the passing of Harold Patton, former Chairman of the Aeronautical Board. Funeral information will be forthcoming.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

